

Wit and Humor.

Books most influenced by hard times are pocket-books.

The money and hair of a fool are soon parted in the middle.

Good little bootblacks are shining examples of what boys can do.

To train up a boy in the way he should go it is necessary to switch him off occasionally.

Pat says: "And sure, nearly ivy frind I hev lift in the world hez bin did long since."

In Arkansas neckties are cheap. The crowd puts it around your neck, slings it over a tree, and it doesn't cost you anything.

The young collegian who wrote home for a new coat and got one a mile too big, suggests that that was not a "fitting" reply.

Did you ever notice a man's face under the influence of a first bite of rhubarb pie which the cook had forgot to sweeten?

What is the difference between a delinquent printer and a mad landlord? One tramps the track and the other tracks the tramp.

A story is told of a lady of fashion who said she should like to go to Rome to have her portrait painted by one of the old masters.

An exchange tells about a boy climbing a tomato vine to get away from a mad dog. Tomato vines attain an enormous size in California, so do lies.

A young man, who ought to be ashamed of himself, in commenting on a fireman's parade, said that a wet day was always favorable for an exhibition of hose.

A gentleman who had been victimized by a notorious borrower, who always forgot to pay, called him one of the most promising men of his acquaintance.

"My luck," exclaimed a Bohemian, "is so atrociously bad that I believe if I were to invest in some soap, washing would go out of fashion to-morrow."

The most puzzling thing about an editorial shears is the antipathy usually existing between that useful article and the italics found at the bottom of the paragraph.

Mrs. Spilkins, reading that General Crook had just captured a hundred lodges, devoutly expressed the wish that her husband's lodge might be among the number.

Andrew Jackson was accused of bad spelling, but John Randolph defended him by saying that "a man was a fool who could not spell a word more ways than one."

"The train has caught up with those cattle again," sleepily remarked a passenger on an Ohio railroad, as he was awakened by the whistle of the engine the other night.

A Connecticut preacher says that a good congregation will praise the music, the choir, the ventilation, and the civilities of the usher; but as to the sermon—"Well, I dunno."

MAN—"Do you think it would be safe for me to cross this pasture?" Maid—"Well, the old bull don't like red very much, but if you will chalk your nose, I guess he won't attack you."

"You ain't afraid to die?" said the clergyman, tenderly. "No," replied the sufferer; "I'm only afraid if I do that the old woman will go shooting among my private papers the first thing."

HARRY TURN recently married his cousin, of the same name. When interrogated as to why he did so, he replied that it had always been a maxim of his that "one good Turn deserves another."

A CERTAIN young and amiable prince, pursuing in great haste a beautiful lady at Court. "Your Highness is running very fast," observed the lady. "I am only following my inclination," he replied.

"Why did you name that old horse Napoleon?" asked a gentleman of a Negro, whose horse was almost reduced to a skeleton. "Why, Marse, you see it's caze the bony part is so strong in him," was the reply.

A GENTLEMAN observed one day to Henry Erskine, the Scottish advocate, who was an inveterate punster, that punning was the lowest sort of wit. "It is so," answered he—"and therefore the foundation of wit."

A GENTLEMAN named Allen Hannah married Miss Hannah Allen; now Miss Hannah Allen is Mrs. Hannah Hannah, probably the only lady in the world whose whole name can be spelled backward the same as forward.

A REVEREND sportsman was once boasting of his infallibility in finding a hare. "If I were a hare," said a Quaker who was present, "I would take my seat in a place where I should be sure of not being disturbed by thee from the first of January to the last day of December." "Why, where would you go?" "Into thy study."

SHE put her arms about his neck and said: "Darling, mother is coming to spend the summer with us."

He met her blue eyes with a look of despair.

"Coming, eh?" he gasped.

"Yes, hubby."

"I wish I was Peter."

"Why?"

"Because the Scripture says that Peter's wife's mother lay sick of a fever."

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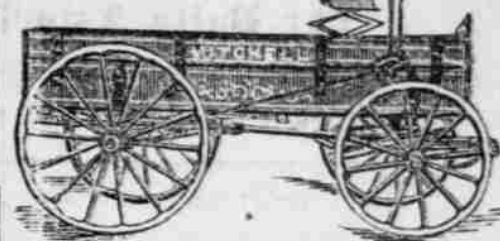
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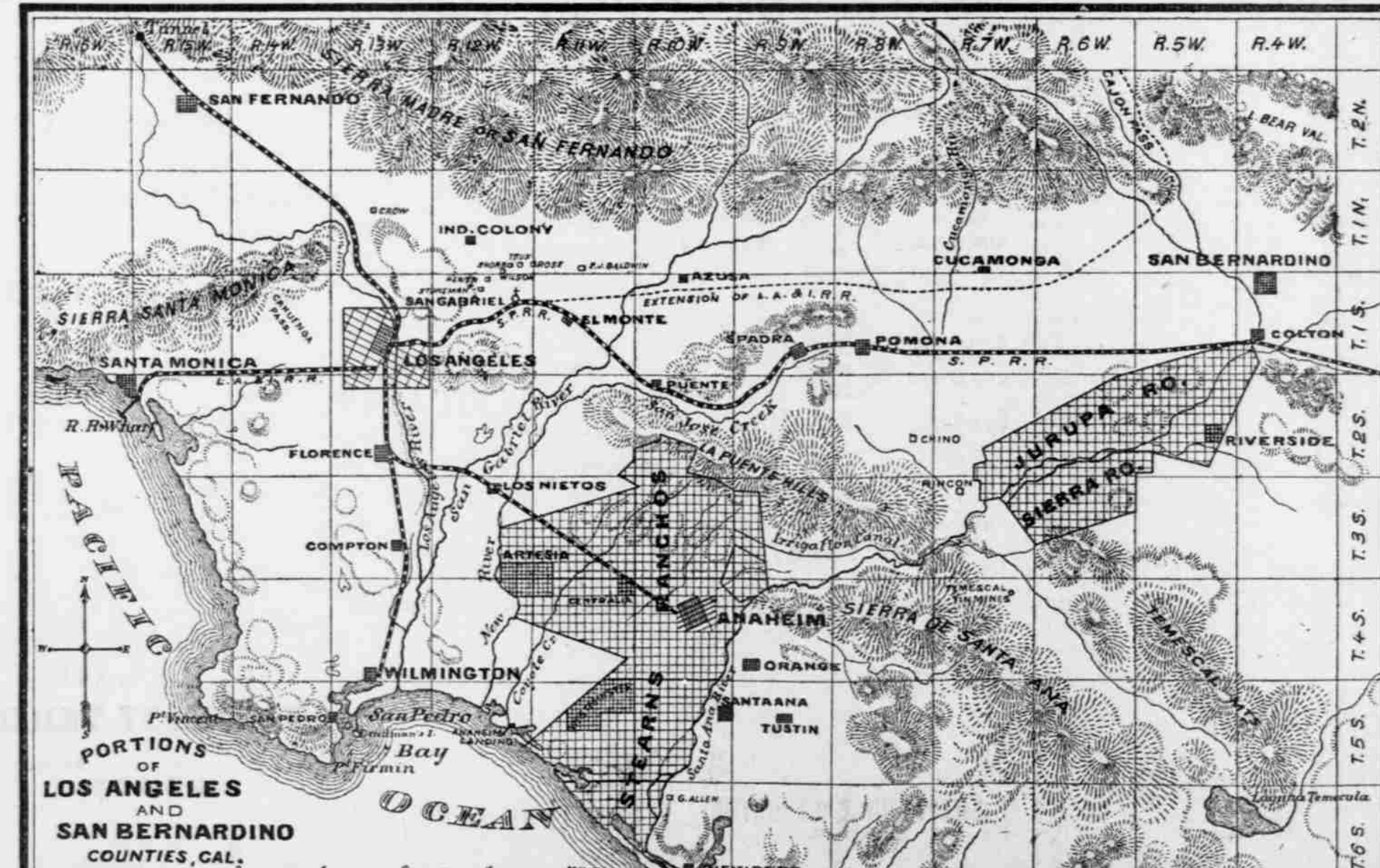


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